

ABSTRACT

There is provided a content control method to allow easy use of contents by the user by controlling operating restrictions on the contents even when the contents are protected by copyright protection technology. Contents usage rights information CUD and status code information SC showing the usage status of contents CT are compared, and when the status code information SC is within the range of the contents usage rights information CUD, the status code information SC is compared with output setting information OI having a threshold value within the range of the contents usage rights information CUD, and when notified by a warning indicator data WID showing proximity to contents CT usage rights, the warning report data WID is outputted when status code information SC exceeds the output setting information OI.